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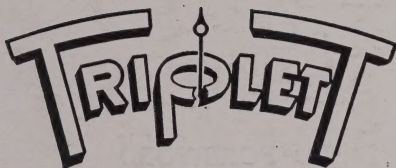
## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

MODEL 631

VTVM AND VOM

MANUAL ONLY - \$ .50





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VACUUM TUBE VOLTMETER

AND

VOLT-OHM-MIL-AMMETER

THE TRIPLETT ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CO.  
BLUFFTON, OHIO

## FOREWORD

With your purchase of a Triplett Model 631 Vacuum Tube Voltmeter and Volt-Ohm-Milliammeter, you have made a worthwhile investment, not only in a fine instrument, but backed up by a company which has been making instruments for half a century. The Triplett Company stands behind your 631 and will give all possible assistance in its use and maintenance.

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## Model 631

## TECHNICAL DATA

### VTVM:

DC Volt ranges: 0-1.2, 6, 30, 120  
 11 Megohm input impedance  
 Battery operated

### VOM:

DC Volt ranges: 0-3, 12, 60, 300, 1200  
 (20,000 ohms per volt)  
 AC Volt ranges: 0-3, 12, 60, 300, 1200  
 (5000 ohms per volt)  
 DC-MA 0-.060, 1.2, 12, 120, 1200  
 DC Amps 0-12  
 Ohms X1 0-1500 (center scale 6.8 $\Omega$ )  
       X10 0-15,000 (center scale 68 $\Omega$ )  
       X1K 0-1,500,000 (center scale 6800 $\Omega$ )  
       X100K 0-150 Meg. (center scale .68 meg.)  
 DB -20 to +63

### ACCURACY:

VTVM: DC Volts .  $\pm 4\%$  (with battery voltage of 22.5)  
 VOM: DC Volts, MA, Amp  $\pm 3\%$  ohms  $\pm 3\%$  of linear scale  
       AC Volts . . . .  $\pm 4\%$

Overall accuracy is given as percent of full scale at any part of the scale. The values given are maximum and in many cases the actual tester accuracy is considerably better.

### BATTERIES:

Self-contained, two Burgess No. XX15 or equivalent and one Burgess No. 2 size D flashlight battery or equivalent.

### LEADS:

One shielded lead for VTVM readings. One pair test leads for VOM (one Black one Red). Two alligator clips.

The Model 631 VTVM and VOM is a rugged long scale multi-range instrument in a compact portable case. It fulfills a long felt need for a combination instrument capable of making the most common measurements with the convenience of a conventional VOM and making the high impedance VTVM measurements by a flip of the switch.

Battery life is long, since the tube for the VTVM circuit draws power only when used on VTVM measurements—not on VOM.

Unpack your 631 and fill out the registration card enclosed. Send this to Triplett immediately so you can be protected under the guarantee. Remove the test leads from the small envelope and notice the two alligator clips enclosed. The clips slide over the ends of the VOM test prods and make very convenient connectors. Rubber bumpers also have been supplied. Insert them in panel screw holes in back of case.

### **Scales**

Notice there are five scales on the meter. The top red scale is used when measuring ohms. This scale is marked from 0 to 1.5K (at left side). With the switch knob turned to  $\Omega X1$ , the ohms scale is read just as it is marked. With the switch knob turned to  $\Omega X10$ , the numbers on ohms scale must all be multiplied by 10. Likewise  $\Omega X1K$  and  $\Omega X100K$  mean to multiply by 1000 and 100,000 respectively.

The second scale down (black) is used to read all DC and VTVM voltages. The third scale (red) is used for all AC voltages except the 3 volt range—the latter is read on the bottom red scale (marked 3 at full scale).

The lowest scale is used for all decibel measurements. Notice the chart near the lower right hand corner of the dial. This is used in conjunction with the DB scale as explained on page 20.

### **Panel**

Just below the meter is a small plastic screw. This is rotated with a small screwdriver to adjust meter pointer.



to exactly zero. It need be adjusted only occasionally, but for best accuracy the pointer should always be on zero before making a measurement.

The large knob in the lower center of the panel is used to select all ranges. The markings are self explanatory.

To the right of the large range selector knob is a small recessed  $\Omega$ ADJ control used when making resistance measurements.

Observe the jacks and note carefully the marking for each. You will use the COM and V- $\Omega$ -A jacks for all VOM measurements and the VTVM and COM jacks for vacuum tube voltmeter measurements.

### Accuracy

Your 631 instrument is accurate to within 3% of full scale reading on all DC and VOM ranges—on all AC and VTVM ranges 4% of full scale. Precision film type resistors insure lasting accuracy. All units are calibrated at 77°F. AC ranges are calibrated on a sine wave. In choosing ranges always endeavor to have the readings fall in the upper (or right hand) half of the scale for greatest accuracy.

### Ranges

The following ranges are self contained in your 631:

DC Volts (VTVM)	0-1.2-6-30-120
DC Volts (VOM)	0-3-12-60-300-1200 at 20,000 Ohms per Volt
AC Volts	0-3-12-60-300-1200 at 5,000 Ohms per Volt
DC Microamperes	0-60 at 250 Mv.
DC Milliamperes	0-1.2-12-120-1200 at 250 Mv.
DC Amperes	0-12 at 250 Mv.
Ohms	0-1500-15,000 (6.8-68 at center scale)
Megohms	0-1.5-150 . . . (6800-6.8 meg at center scale)
Output Volts	0-3-12-60-300-1200 AC at 5,000 Ohms per Volt
Decibels	—20 to +11, 23, 37, 51, 63 on 600 Ohm line

## Vacuum Tube Voltmeter Measuring DC Volts

To turn on the VTVM section, move the slide switch (located beneath the range switch) from position marked V- $\Omega$ -A to VTVM—pausing momentarily at the middle detent to allow the tube filament to heat. This will prevent pointer from banging.

Select range with the main selector switch, then zero the meter pointer by shorting test leads together and rotating the small recessed control marked ZERO ADJ.

Plug the VTVM cable (consisting of two black leads terminating in a plastic plug) into the panel jacks marked VTVM. Select polarity as required to permit meter to read up scale.

Voltage readings may be taken with a very short warm up period. The first few minutes it may be necessary to readjust pointer to zero. This will not effect the accuracy of your readings. After the battery voltage has stabilized itself frequent zero adjustment will not be necessary.

Connect the shorter prod to ground side of the circuit under test. Use the longer prod (containing an isolating resistor for probing to eliminate hand capacity effects.)

The V- $\Omega$ -A jacks are not used for VTVM measurements.

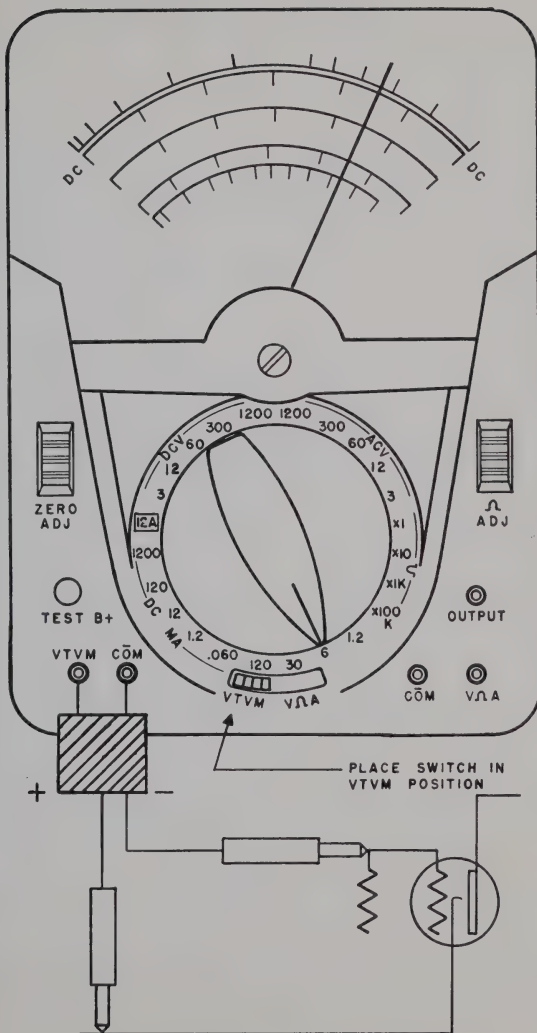
Read all DC voltages on the top black meter scale. The 0-1.2 volt range is read on the 0-12 scale by dividing by 10. Similarly the 0-6 range is read on the 0-60 scale and 0-30 is read on the 0-300 scale. Read the 0-120 volt range on the 0-12 scale by multiplying by 10.

**CAUTION:** Return the slide switch to V- $\Omega$ -A position after VTVM readings are completed to save the batteries. Do not leave switch in center position. Use only one COM lead at a time. Do not connect COM leads together.

The VTVM high sensitivity of 11 Megohms is valuable for measurements in low current circuits such as grid and discriminator circuits.

See page 27 for procedure to check condition of the internal batteries which operate the VTVM circuit.

**For handy operation chart see pages 18 and 19**



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Measuring DC Volts

#### 20,000 ohms per volt

Rotate the selector switch to the appropriate range for DC volts. Always start with the highest range if in doubt as to the approximate voltage.

In choosing ranges, endeavor to have the readings fall in the upper, or right hand, half of the scale for greatest accuracy.

Plug the black test lead into the COM jack and the red lead into the V- $\Omega$ -A jack as shown on page 11.

Connect the test prods ACROSS the voltage source. The red lead is positive. Where polarity is difficult to determine, the meter may read backwards. No damage will be done if this occurs. Simply reverse the leads.

Read all DC voltages on the top black meter scale. Notice that the scales are not all marked exactly the same as the range indicated by the knob position. Thus 0-3 volts is read on the 0-300 scale by omitting two zeros (i. e.  $\div$  by 100) on all readings; the 0-1200 range is read on the 0-12 scale by adding two zeros.

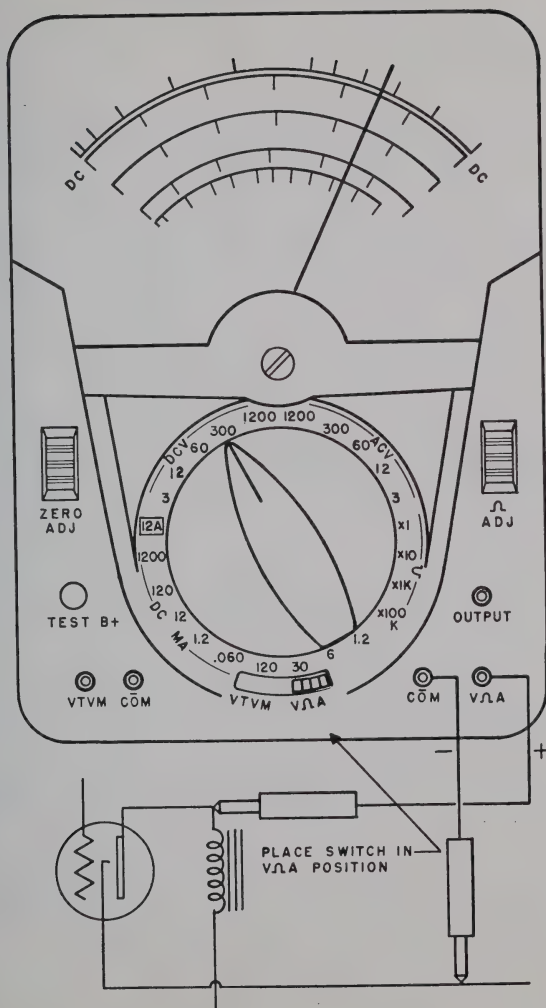
The high sensitivity of the VTVM will allow you to take measurements in low current circuits such as grid and discriminator circuits. See page 8.

**CAUTION:** For maximum safety do not handle tester or leads when connected to high voltages. Make certain that no condensers are charged to a high voltage.

**For handy operation chart see pages 18 and 19.**



# Measuring DC Volts 20,000 ohms per volt



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Measuring AC Volts

Rotate the Selector switch to the appropriate range for AC volts. Always start with the highest range if in doubt about the approximate voltage.

In choosing ranges, endeavor to have the readings fall in the upper, or right hand, half of the scale for greatest accuracy.

Plug the black lead into the COM jack and the red lead into the V- $\Omega$ -A jack as shown on page 13.

Connect the test prods ACROSS the voltage source. As there is no polarity on AC, the red and black leads may be interchanged without causing the meter to read backwards.

Use the two lower red scales for AC volt readings. Note that the bottom scale is to be used ONLY for one range, namely the 0-3.

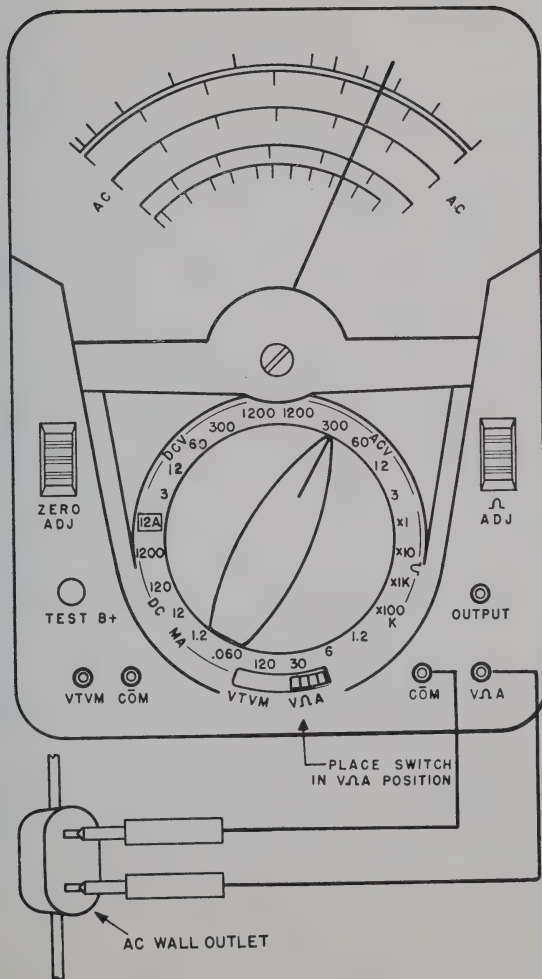
When using the 0-1200 AC volt range, read on the 0-12 scale by adding two zeros.

No correction for frequencies is necessary from 25 c. p. s. to 1000 c. p. s.

CAUTION: For maximum safety do not handle tester or leads when connected to high voltages.

**For handy operation chart see pages 18 and 19.**

# Measuring AC Volts 5000 ohms per volt



## Resistance Measurements DC

Rotate the selector switch to the appropriate range for ohms determined for the following chart:

To Read	Set Switch to
0-1500 ohms.....	$\Omega \times 1$
0-15,000 .....	$\Omega \times 10$
0-15 Meg. ....	$\Omega \times 1K$
0-150 Meg. ....	$\Omega \times 100K$

Plug the black test lead into the COM jack and the red lead into the V- $\Omega$ -A jack as shown on page 15.

Short the test prods together and adjust the  $\Omega$  ADJ knob until the meter pointer reads 0 on the top red ( $\Omega$ ) scale. (The 0 for the ohms scale is at the extreme right side of the scale).

Connect the test prods across the resistor as shown. If the resistor is wired in a circuit, disconnect one end of the resistor before taking the reading.

Each time an ohm range is changed, it is well to check the 0 setting as outlined in paragraph 3 above.

The basic scale 0-1.5K (0-1500) is used for reading on all ohm ranges. Simply multiply the scale numbers by 1, 10, 1000, or 100,000 as indicated by the selector switch setting.

It should be kept in mind that in the measurement of resistance a current is passed through the unknown resistor. Generally this current is so small as to be negligible. However on the 0-1500 range fairly high current is employed.

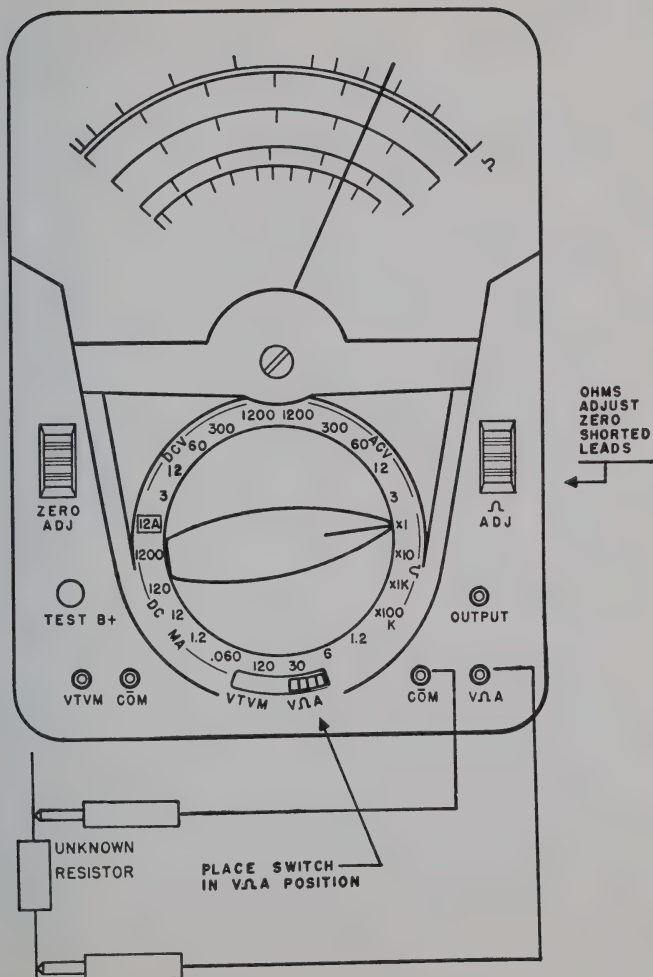
**CAUTION:** On X1 ohm position, the current drain from the 1.5 volt battery at center scale reading is approximately 100 MA. It is desirable to make a practice of using one of the higher ohm ranges for general continuity or circuit testing. This will give much longer battery life.

Since the scale of an ohmmeter is non-linear, the accuracy of the reading cannot be expressed as a per cent of full scale. Ohmmeter accuracy is generally referred to a linear scale such as the DC volt scale. Thus  $\pm 3\%$  ohmmeter accuracy means an allowable  $\pm 1.8$  divisions on the DC scale. For example 2 ohms could read from about 1.7 to 2.3 ohms and be within tolerance.

For handy operation chart see pages 18 and 19.



## Resistance Measurements DC



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Measuring DC Current

Rotate the selector switch to the appropriate range for DC current. Always start with the highest range if in doubt as to the approximate current.

In choosing ranges, endeavor to have the readings fall in the upper, or right hand, half of the scale for greatest accuracy.

Plug the black test lead into the COM jack and the red lead into the V- $\Omega$ -A jack as shown on page 17.

Connect the test prods in SERIES with the circuit to be measured. Do not test directly across any potential circuits as this may burn out the instrument and shunt. The red lead is positive. Where polarity is difficult to determine, the meter may read backwards. No damage will be done if this occurs. Simply reverse the leads.

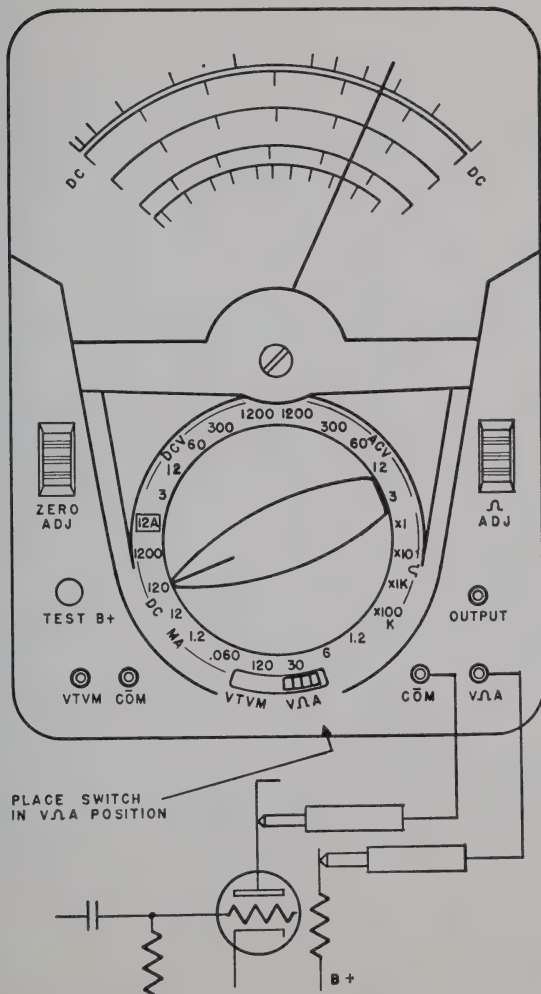
Read all current ranges (including microamperes, milliamperes, and amperes) on the upper black scale. When on the 1.2 Ma. range use the 0-12 scale and divide by 10. On the 120 Ma. range again use the 0-12 scale by multiplying by 10.

**CAUTION:** Turn off the power before connecting the meter to the circuit. Do not handle tester or leads in high voltage circuits.

In using the 60 microampere range, the meter may read differently than calculations would indicate. This is sometimes caused in low current circuits by a slight leakage of voltage due to moisture. Other times a slight potential is generated by soldering or joining of dissimilar metals. Even the proximity of fumes or liquid acids and alkalies may react with the metal parts of the circuit and generate slight currents. The fingers should not be permitted to touch the metal parts of the prods or circuit as body resistance can also upset some circuits.

**For handy operation chart see pages 18 and 19.**

## Measuring DC Current



To Measure	Set Range Selector Switch	VTVM-V- $\Omega$ -A Switch Position
DC VOLTS VTVM		
0-1.2	1.2	VTVM
0-6	6	
0-30	30	
0-120	120	
DC VOLTS 20,000	DCV	
0-3	3	V- $\Omega$ -A
0-12	12	
0-60	60	
0-300	300	
0-1200	1200	
AC VOLTS (rms)	ACV	
0-3	3	V- $\Omega$ -A
0-12	12	
0-60	60	
0-300	300	
0-1200	1200	
OHMS	OHMS	
0-1500	$\times 1$	V- $\Omega$ -A
0-15000	$\times 10$	
0-1.5 Meg.	$\times 1K$	
0-150 Meg.	$\times 100K$	
MILLIAMPS DC	DC-MA	
0-.060	.060	V- $\Omega$ -A
0-1.2	1.2	
0-12	12.	
0-120	120.	
0-1200	1200.	
AMPERES DC	12A	V- $\Omega$ -A
DECIBELS		
-20 to +11	3 ACV	V- $\Omega$ -A
- 8 to +23	12 ACV	
+ 6 to +37	60 ACV	
+20 to +51	300 ACV	
+32 to +63	1200 ACV	



Lead Connection	Read Scale	Scale Factor
VTVM Leads	BLACK SCALE	
	12	$\div 10$
	60	$\div 10$
	300	$\div 10$
	12	$\times 10$
	BLACK SCALE	
	300	$\div 100$
	12	
COM. & V- $\Omega$ -A	60	
	300	
	12	$\times 100$
	RED SCALE	
	3	
	12	
	60	
COM. & V- $\Omega$ -A	300	
	12	$\times 100$
	RED OHM SCALE	
	0-1.5K	
	0-1.5K	$\times 10$
	0-1.5K	$\times 1000$
COM. & V- $\Omega$ -A	0-1.5K	$\times 100,000$
	60	$\div 1000$
	12	$\div 10$
	12	
	12	$\times 10$
COM. & V- $\Omega$ -A	12	$\times 100$
	BLACK SCALE	
	DB	+0
	DB	+12
	DB	+26
COM. & Output	DB	+40
	DB	+52

### A. F. or Decibels

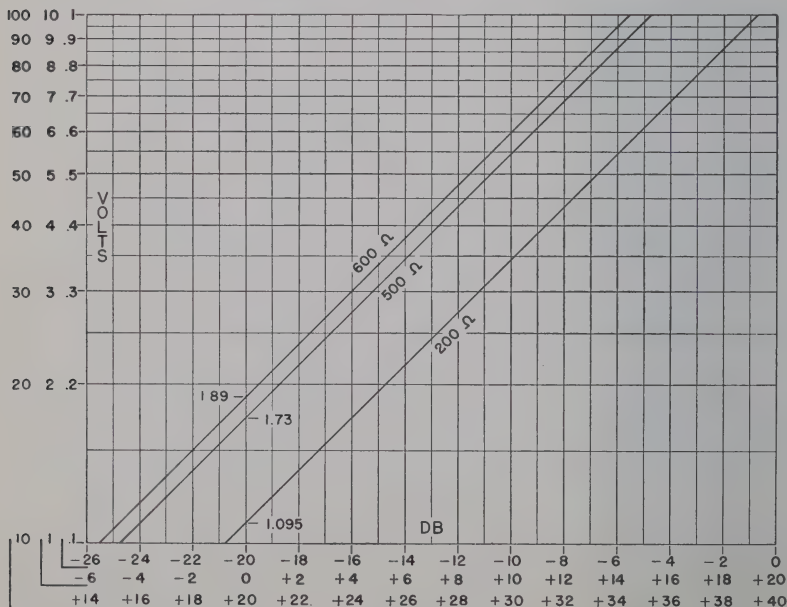
Audio output generally is measured in units called the Decibel, a terminology used to indicate audio power levels in an amplifier or telephone work. Zero DB is set at .775 Volts, this being the voltage developed across a 600 Ohm line when .001 Watts is dissipated in the line.

DO NOT confuse the DB with the VU (Volume Unit.) The VU is based on .001 Watt dissipated in a 600 ohm line and is measured with a meter having special ballistic characteristics.

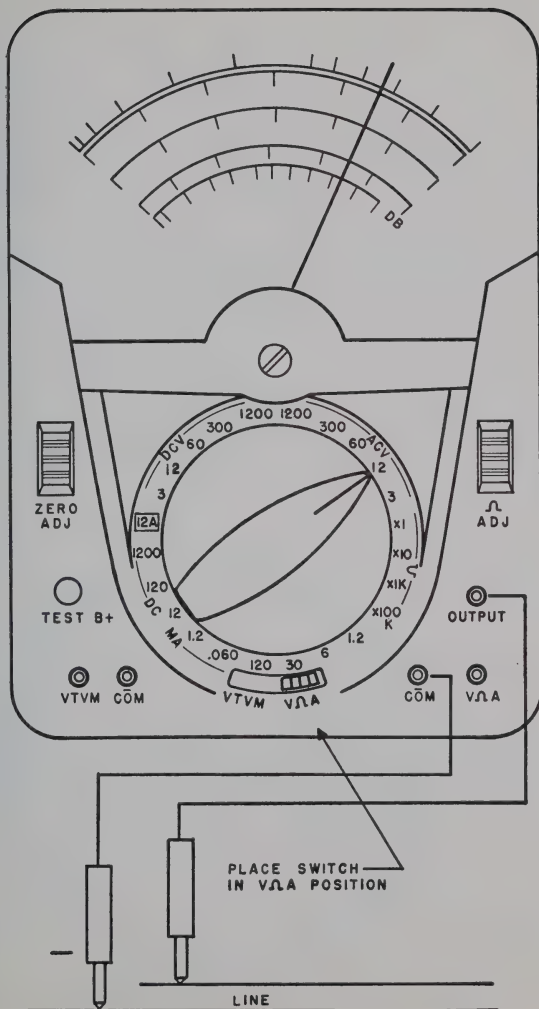
Decibels are measured by means of the Black DB Scale. Leads connected as shown on page 21.

For reading DB other than 600 ohm line and 1 MW reference level use chart below.

6MW Reference Level



## Reading A. F. or Decibels



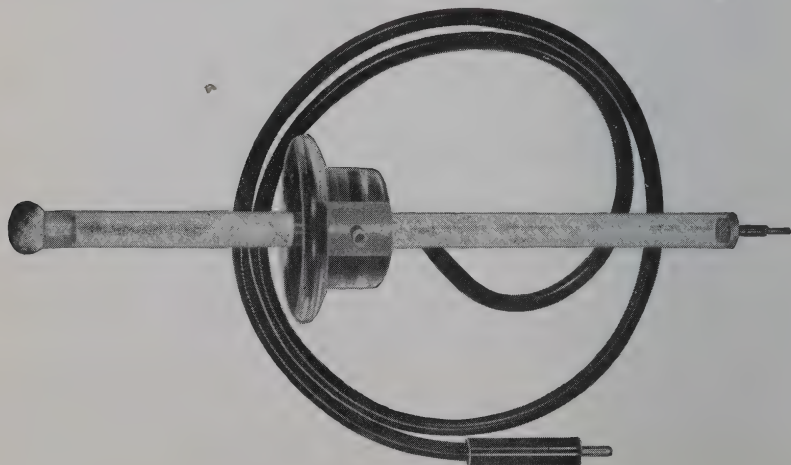
## ADDITIONAL MEASUREMENTS

### Measuring Kilovolts

For measuring the high voltage employed in television receivers and in other applications, an external probe is available. See figure below. Probes are made in three ranges, 0-12,000, 0-30,000, and 0-60,000 volts. Common usage is on DC but probes for AC are also available in the lower ranges.

To use, set the 631 selector switch to 3 volts (AC if an AC probe is used, and DC if DC probe is used). Plug the probe lead into the V- $\Omega$ -A jack on the panel and the black test lead into the COM jack. V- $\Omega$ -A—VTVM selector set to V- $\Omega$ -A position.

Extremely high voltages are present in television sets. Use **EXTREME CAUTION** in measuring these and other sources of high voltage.





## Measuring High DC Current

External plug-in shunts are available to extend the DC current ranges of your 631 from the self-contained 0-12 to 0-30 amps. External portable shunts up to 120 amperes also are available. (See paragraph on accessories.)

Set the 631 selector switch to the 12 Ma. position and plug the desired external shunt into the COM and V- $\Omega$ -A jacks. Connect the line to be measured to the binding posts on top of the shunts. The external portable shunts are too large to plug into the panel and must be connected to the panel jacks by the leads furnished with the shunts.

## Accessories

The following accessories for your 631 are available from your distributor:

Item	Part No.
RF Probe 250MC	T-79A-145
RF Probe 500KC to 150MC	T-79A-145
DC Hi-Voltage probe 0-12 Kv	T-79-68
AC Hi-Voltage probe 0-12 Kv	T-79-69
DC Hi-Voltage probe 0-30 Kv	T-79-70
AC Hi-Voltage probe 0-30 Kv	T-79-71
DC Hi-Voltage probe 0-60 Kv	T-79-93
Leather carrying case	639-P

Special instruments or testers can be obtained from the Triplett Company which manufactures a complete line of electrical measuring instruments, radio and TV test equipment.

### In The Home

When your refrigerator motor fails to "kick out" the starting winding use the 631 to measure the AC line voltage. If the voltage is below about 100 volts, notify your power company.

If your electric stove does not seem to heat quickly enough, measure the voltage input to the stove with all burners turned on and again with all burners turned off. If the difference between these two voltages is 10 or 15 volts, the power cable to the stove has defective connections or is not of large enough current carrying capacity.

Blown fuses sometimes do not visibly indicate they are burned out. With your 631, measure the voltage ahead after the fuse. Voltage ahead of the fuse but no voltage following indicates a blown, defective, or loose fuse. Sometimes it is easier to remove the fuse and measure its resistance. This should be substantially zero.

Your 631 is handy for locating trouble in desk and floor lamps. Pull the plug from the wall socket and check for a faulty cord, plug, switch, socket, or bulb by measuring resistance on the  $\Omega \times 1$  range. 100 watt 120 volt bulbs should read 10 to 20 ohms. 50 watt 120 volt bulbs should read 20 to 40 ohms.

### For the Radio Man

In addition to all common voltage, current, and resistance measurements used in servicing radios, the high sensitivity of your 631 is well adapted for measuring AFC, AVC, bias, and FM discriminator voltages.

Measurements of the high voltage up to 27,000 volts used in some television receivers for the picture tube can be effected with the special high voltage probe shown on page 22.

Considerable trouble is had with leakage in automobile radio antennas (due to moisture). Your 631 with the high ohm range 0-150 meg. is ideal to check this leakage. Disconnect the antenna from the receiver before making this check.

## In The Industrial Plant

Your 631 will be a big help in checking voltage drop caused by adding that extra machine on the already overloaded line. Correcting this will often save time later when a rush comes and the line "just happens" to burn up.

Measure the voltage at the machine first with the machine turned off and again with the machine in operation. If the voltage is proper with the machine off but low with the machine in operation, the circuit wiring or transformers have too small a capacity. If the voltage is low even with the machine off, the circuit is probably already overloaded and the machine should be wired into another circuit.

Equipment using automatic electric controls can be checked with the 631. Faulty relay or control action is caused by low voltage applied to the relay or control. This low voltage in turn, may be caused by burned or dirty contacts on the control device. Use the  $\Omega \times 1$  range to check for high or unstable contact resistance.

When a phone on your dial telephone system fails, measure the line current and the voltage to the particular relay in question. If the voltage is proper, measure the contact resistance of the relay contacts using the  $\Omega \times 1$  scale on your 631. If this resistance is over a fraction of an ohm or if the resistance seems to waver, clean and adjust the relay contacts.

## In The Garage

Fuses in the automobiles have a tendency to look perfectly good and yet not function due to corrosion under the metal end cap. Measure voltage ahead and behind the fuse to determine a defective unit. Or remove the fuse and measure its resistance. Anything over a fraction of an ohm is too high.

Checking automobile wiring, light switches, heaters, radios, etc., can be speeded up by simple use of your 631.

## **In The Laboratory**

Your 631 is built with all precision, non-aging resistors. The specially designed switch and special banana type plugs insure lasting accuracy. The meter with specially finished and selected pivots and jewels and a well designed stable magnet further makes the 631 a must for the laboratory.

## **Special Applications**

The unusually high range ohmmeter in your 631 permits some indication of condenser leakage resistance. Measure as a resistor, see page 14, using the highest range. A good paper or mica condenser under 1 mfd. will indicate at the 150 Meg mark or above. If a steady reading (taken after the initial surge required to charge the condenser) of less than 150 megohms is obtained, the condenser probably has defective insulation. Good paper condensers over 1 mfd. may read somewhat less than 150 megohms. Electrolytic condensers should read above .1 megohm. In checking electrolytic condensers, the black test lead ("com" jack) should be connected to the positive terminal of the condenser.

Checks of insulation resistance for motors, generators, telephone cables, power cables, etc., can be made on the high ohmmeter range of your 631. The actual value of resistance may vary from a few megohms to over 150 meg, depending on weather conditions and quality of insulation. The best method, therefore, is to make periodic checks on important cables or equipment and observe the trend in readings. As the readings tend to be lower and lower, it is time to start drying out the equipment or determine the cause of deterioration. Dirt, mice, or foreign matter can sometimes cause excessive leakage.

## **VTVM Applications**

The VTVM section of your Model 631 has a constant input impedance of 11 megohms. This high impedance together with the shielded and isolated probe permit measurements in very low current circuits without upsetting the circuit. Grid and discriminator circuits used in radio and television are typical examples.

### **Pointer Zero Adjust**

When using VOM ranges the pointer can be zero adjusted with the pointer zero adjust screw shown on page 28.

### **Checking And Replacing Batteries**

VTVM batteries can be checked without removing the case. To check the VTVM plate batteries, place slide switch in VTVM position, and press the button marked Test B+. See page 28. The plate battery should read approximately 21 to 24 i.e. between the two short red marks immediately above the DC V scale.

The VTVM filament battery (1.5v) is satisfactory as long as the X1 ohm range of the VOM section can be adjusted to zero as explained on page 14.

The 1.5 volt battery also powers the X1, X10, and X1K ohm ranges. It is satisfactory as long as these ranges can be adjusted to zero.

The X100K ohm range operates from the two 22½ volt batteries. As long as this range can be adjusted to zero these batteries are satisfactory for ohms (but not necessarily for VTVM).

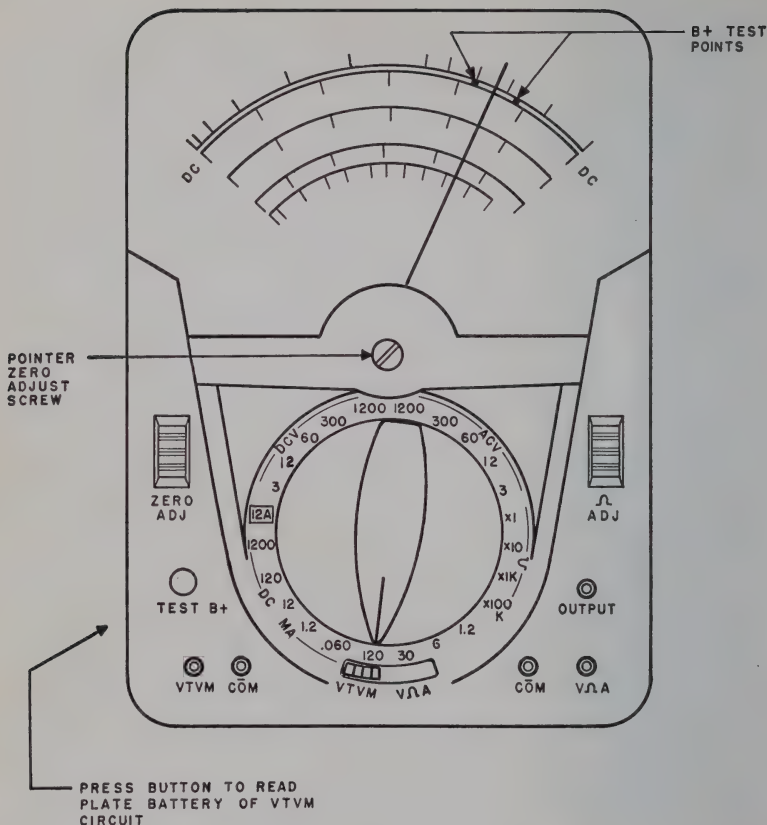
To replace the batteries, remove the four case screws in the back corner holes in which the rubber feet are mounted. Use a narrow screw driver to keep from breaking out the corners of the case. After case has been removed, the batteries can easily be changed. Both 22½ volt batteries should be changed together as they work in a balanced bridge circuit. When replacing the 1.5V battery. Do Not use a steel cased cell.

### **Cleaning Procedure For Lucite Window**

If the window needs cleaning, it should be done with absorbent cotton dipped in a solution made by dissolving ½ teaspoon of detergent, such as Vel or Dreft, in one gallon of water. Allow this solution to air dry and do not rinse with clear water.

### **Replacing 1R5 Tube**

Should it become necessary to replace the 1R5 tube, it will be necessary to recalibrate by adjusting resistor R32.

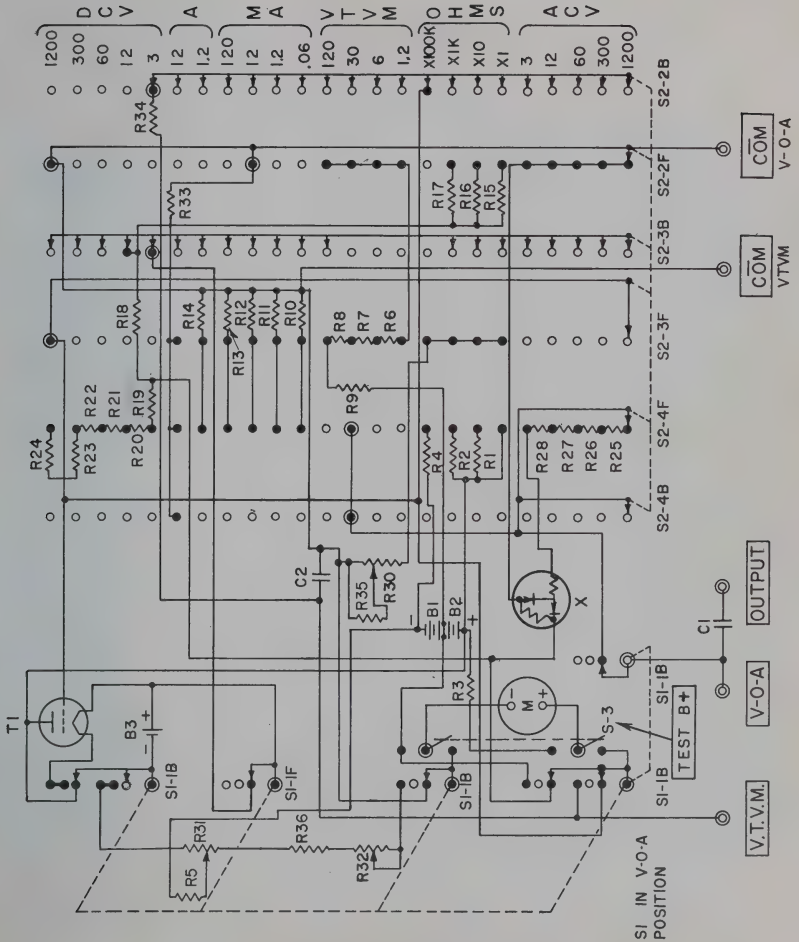


Avoid placing your tester on a bench where machine tools are used or severe vibration is encountered.

In use, don't take chances on overloading the meter. If in doubt as to the approximate reading always start with the highest range. The meter can be burned out by applying voltage when the switch is set on the current or ohms scale.

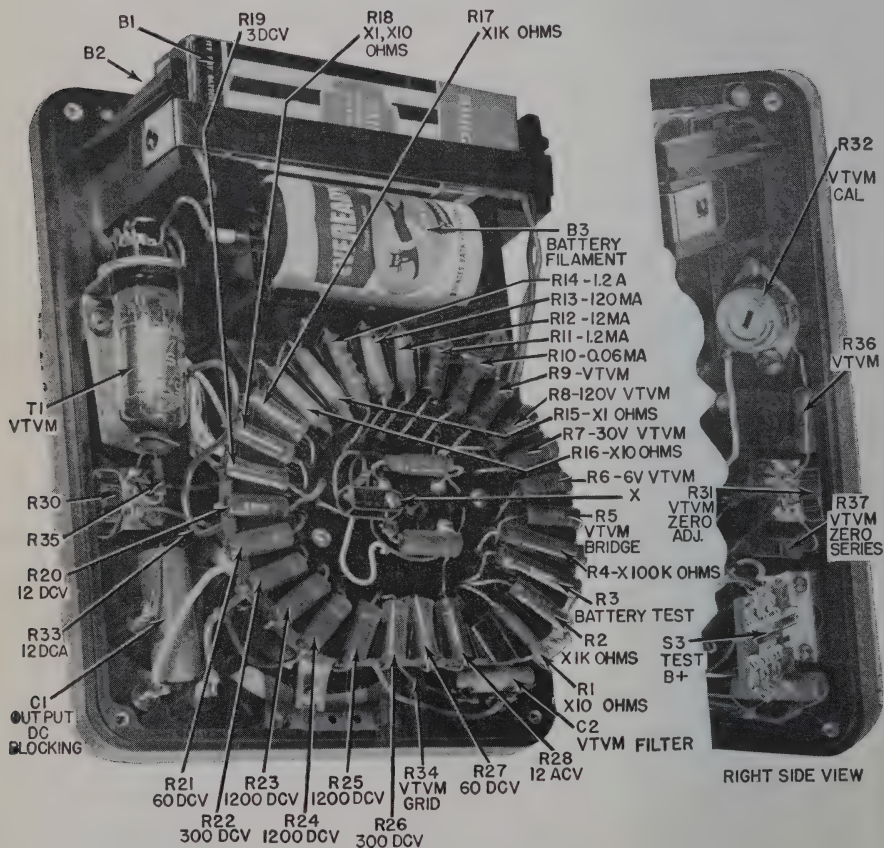


## CIRCUIT DIAGRAM



# Interior View

## PARTS LOCATION

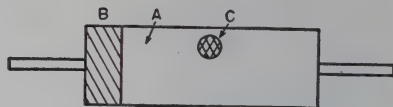
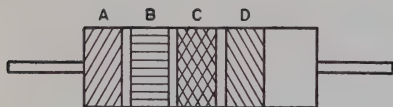


# REPLACEABLE PARTS 631

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NO. REF.	QUAN.	NAME PART	DESCRIPTION	TRIPLETT PART NO.
B1, B2	2	Battery	22 1/2V Burgess No. XX15	T-37-20
B3	1	Battery	Burgess No. 2 D cell	T-2426-1
C1	1	Capacitor	0.1 Mfd. 400V Midget Sprague 68P21	T-43-69
C2	1	Capacitor	0.01 Mfd. 400V	T-2631-P14
R1	1	Resistor	4 ohm, Wirewound	T-15-1258
R2	1	Resistor	530 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2558
R3	1	Resistor	600K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film 1/2W	T-15-2430
R4	1	Resistor	656K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film 1/2W	T-15-1768
R5	1	Resistor	40K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film 1/2W	T-15-1131
R6	1	Resistor	8 megohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film 1/2W	T-15-2431
R7	1	Resistor	1.6 megohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film 1/2W	T-15-2432
R8	1	Resistor	300K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2433
R9	1	Resistor	100K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2442
R10	1	Resistor	25K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1235
R11	1	Resistor	217.4 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1255
R12	1	Resistor	20.9 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Wirewound	T-15-1254
R13	1	Resistor	2.09 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Wirewound	T-15-1253
R14	1	Resistor	0.208 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Wirewound	T-15-1853
R15	1	Resistor	6.4 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Wirewound	T-15-2413
R16	1	Resistor	63 ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Wirewound	T-15-2414
R17	1	Resistor	9.2K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2439
R18	1	Resistor	16K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1169
R19	1	Resistor	55K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2434
R20	1	Resistor	180K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1237
R21	1	Resistor	960K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2435
R22	1	Resistor	4.8 megohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2436
R23	1	Resistor	9 megohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2437
R24	1	Resistor	4.5 megohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1231
R25	1	Resistor	1.2 megohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-2438
R26	1	Resistor	240K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1238
R27	1	Resistor	45K ohm, $\pm 1\%$ Film, 1/2W	T-15-1060
R28	1	Resistor	20K ohm, variable	T-16-31
R30	1	Resistor	6K ohm, variable	T-16-123
R31	1	Resistor	3500 ohm, variable	T-16-90
R32	1	Resistor	Shunt, 12A 250MV	T-90A-371
R33	1	Resistor	10 megohm, $\pm 10\%$ , 1/2W	T-2601-1/2-10 meg
R34	1	Resistor	5.1K $\pm 5\%$ , Composition 1/2W	T-15-1411
R35	1	Resistor	3K $\pm 1\%$ , Composition 1/2W	T-15-1195
R36	1	Resistor		
X	1	Rectifier	Copper oxide assembly	T-2250-13
	1	Knob	2 5/16L	T-34B-46
	1	Clip	Tinnerman	T-2451-5
	1	Knob	Slide switch	T-34B-47
	1	Button	Switch	T-62A-2
S1-S2	1	Switch	24 pos. and 2 pos.	T-22A-248
S3	1	Switch	Push Button	T-22-247
	1 pr.	Leads	Banana Type	T-79-127
	1	Leads	VTVM	T-79A-142
	1	Case	Bakelite, with Strap Handle	T-10-784
	1	Front	Clear Plastic with Zero Adj.	T-10-1225
	1	Ball	Bearing, 1/8D	10779
	1	Spring	Helical	T-42-148
	1	Plate	Slide Type	10784
	5	Contact	Jack	T-2600-1R5
TI	1	Tube	1R5	T-52-1013
M	1	Instrument	50 UA, 250 MV, with panel	8944

## RETMA RESISTOR COLOR CODE



## Color

A  
B  
C  
D

## Indicates

First number  
Second number  
Number of zeros  
Tolerance

## Color

## Number

Black  
Brown  
Red  
Orange  
Yellow  
Green  
Blue

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6

## Color

## Number

Violet 7  
Gray 8  
White 9  
Gold 5% tolerance  
Silver 10% tolerance  
None 20% tolerance

The resulting value is in ohms.

Example:


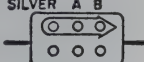
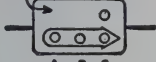
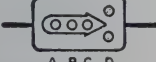

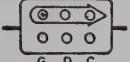







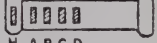

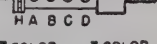


A 250,000 ohm 20% resistor.

A red  
B green  
C yellow  
D no color

# RETMA MICA CONDENSER COLOR CODE

MOLDED PAPER			MOLDED MICA		CERAMIC	
Color	Multiplier	Tolerance	Multiplier	Tolerance	Multiplier	Tolerance
Black	1	20%	1	20%	1	20% or 2.0 $\mu$ fd.*
Brown	10		10		10	1%
Red	100		100	20%	100	2%
Orange	1000		1000	3% (RETMA)	1000	2.5% (RETMA)
Yellow	10.000	5%	10.000		10.000	
Green				5% (RETMA)		5% or 0.5 $\mu$ fd.*
Blue						
Violet						
Gray					0.01	0.25 $\mu$ fd.*
White		10%	0.1	5% (JAN)	0.1	10% or 1.0 $\mu$ fd.*
Gold	0.1	5%		10%		
Silver		10%	0.01			
None		20%				

\* Capacitance less than 10 $\mu$ fd.

MOLDED PAPER	MOLDED MICA	CERAMIC
<p><b>TUBULAR</b></p>  <p>A B C D E F</p> <p><b>FLAT JAN TYPE</b></p>  <p>SILVER A B</p> <p>G D C</p> <p><b>FLAT COM'L. TYPES</b></p> <p><b>BLACK BODY E</b></p>  <p>A B C E</p>  <p>A B C D</p>	<p><b>RETMA</b></p> <p>WHITE A B</p>  <p>G D C</p> <p><b>6 DOT</b></p> <p>JAN</p> <p>BLACK A B</p>  <p>G D C</p> <p><b>BUTTON SILVER MICA</b></p>  <p>A B</p> <p>D C U 3rd DIGIT</p> <p><b>OBsolete RMA SYSTEMS</b></p> <p><b>6 DOT</b></p> <p>A B 3rd DIGIT</p>  <p>E D C</p> <p><b>4 DOT</b></p> <p>A B C</p>  <p>A B C</p> <p><b>3 DOT</b></p> <p>A B C</p>  <p>A B C</p> <p><b>5 DOT</b></p> <p>A B C</p>  <p>A B C</p> <p><b>FRONT REAR</b></p>  <p>E D</p>	<p><b>6 COLOR RADIAL LEAD</b></p>  <p>I J A B C D</p> <p><b>5 COLOR RADIAL LEAD</b></p>  <p>H A B C D</p> <p><b>5 COLOR AXIAL LEAD</b></p>  <p>H A B C D</p> <p><b>5 COLOR STAND-OFF</b></p>  <p>H A B C D</p> <p><b>5 COLOR DISC</b></p>  <p>A B C D E</p> <p><b>3 COLOR DISC</b></p>  <p>A B C</p>

(Courtesy Popular Electronics)

Capacitance is given in  $\mu$ fd.

Colors—Same value as on resistors except as indicated in tables.

## COLORS

A  
B  
C  
D  
E & F

## INDICATES

First digit  
Second digit  
Multiplier  
Tolerance  
Voltage Rating in hundreds of volts

[(E) Ratings less than 1000 volts, (E) & (F) First two digits of ratings 1000 volts or more. Values of colors for (E) & (F) are same as in resistance values. (G) is class or characteristic of capacitor. (H), (I) & (J) give temperature coefficient. (G), (H), (I) & (J) are not listed in the tables.]



## RETMA SPEAKER COLOR CODE

**Voice—Coil:**

Green—finish

Black—start

**Field Coils:**

Black and red—start

Yellow and red—finish

Slate and Red—tap (if any)

## RETMA WIRING COLOR CODE

B+	-	-	-	-	-	-	Red
Ground	-	-	-	-	-	-	Black
Plate	-	-	-	-	-	-	Blue
Grid	-	-	-	-	-	-	Green
Cathode	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yellow
High Heater	-	-	-	-	-	-	Brown
Low Heater	-	-	-	-	-	-	Black
Screen Grid	-	-	-	-	-	-	Orange
AVC	-	-	-	-	-	-	White

## **WARRANTY FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION INSTRUMENTS AND TEST EQUIPMENT**

**(Including Maintaining Parts of Discontinued Models)**

**Adopted and Recommended by the Radio-Electronic-  
Television Manufacturers Association, 1951**

The Triplett Electrical Instrument Company warrants instruments manufactured by it to be free from defective material or factory workmanship and agrees to repair such instruments which under normal use and service, disclose the defect to be the fault of our manufacturing. Our obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing any instrument or test equipment which proves to be defective, when returned to us, transportation prepaid, within ninety (90) days from the date of original purchase and provided the serial number has been made known to us promptly for our records.

This warranty does not apply to any of our products which have been repaired or altered by unauthorized persons or service stations in any way so as, in our judgment, to injure their stability or reliability or which have been subject to misuse, negligence, or accident, or which have had the serial number altered, effaced, or removed. Neither does this warranty apply to any of our products which have been connected, installed, or adjusted otherwise than in accordance with the instructions furnished by us. Accessories including all vacuum tubes not of our manufacture used with this product are not covered by this warranty.

This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied and no representative or person is authorized to assume for us any other liability in connection with the sale of our products.

Parts will be made available for a minimum period of five (5) years after the manufacture of this equipment has been discontinued. Parts include all materials, charts, instructions, diagrams, accessories, et cetera, which have been furnished in the standard model.

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## NOTES



